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SUBJ: PROGRESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT EXHIBIT OPENS IN BUCHAREST

EIGHT U.S. SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN WERE PRESENT TO HELP OPEN THE PROGRESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT EXHIBIT IN BUCHAREST TODAY (APRIL 17). ALABAMA SENATOR JOHN SPARKMEN DELIVERED THE INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

THE EXHIBIT IS DESIGNED TO ILLUSTRATE THE USES TO WHICH AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY IS BEING PUT TO DETECT AND PREVENT AIR, WATER, AND SOIL POLLUTION.

SOME 80 ROMANIAN JOURNALISTS AND 350 INVITED OFFICIALS TURNED OUT. VIRGIL IANOVICI, THE PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA'S NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, BEGAN THE CEREMONIES WITH A SHORT SPEECH. HE SAID "...THIS EXHIBIT...INITIATES A DIALOGUE AND OFFERS PRECIOUS MATERIAL FOR THOUGHT FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM OF THE MAXIMUM USE OF THE ENVIRON-
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MENT."

SENATOR SPARKMAN WAS THEN INTRODUCED, AND SAID "...THE CENTRAL THEME OF THIS EXHIBIT IS THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO CREATE NEW JOBS AND INDUSTRIES IN ORDER THAT EVERYONE MAY HAVE A BETTER, LONGER LIFE, AND TO DO IT IN A WAY THAT WILL LEAVE US WITH CLEAN AIR, WATER, AND SOIL. THE JOB OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE ON THIS EARTH CROSSES

NATIONAL BOUNDARIES, AND THE PRESENCE OF THIS EXHIBIT IN ROMANIA IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THAT IS NECESSARY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT."

SENATOR SPARKMAN THEN REFERRED TO THE CURRENT MEETINGS OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION IN BUCHAREST, AND ADDED "...INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS...A PHENOMENON WITH WHICH ROMANIA HAS A GOOD DEAL OF PRACTICAL AND PRODUCTIVE EXPERIENCE, A FACT MOST RECENTLY ILLUSTRATED BY THE PRESENCE HERE IN BUCHAREST OF SO MANY DIFFERENT PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS FROM COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD. WE APPRECIATE THE HOSPITALITY THAT ROMANIA HAS SO GRACIOUSLY EXTENDED AS HOST FOR THE IPU MEETINGS THIS WEEK AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IN THE FIELD OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, AS IN SO MANY OTHERS, U.S.-ROMANIAN TIES CONTINUE TO DEVELOP."

OTHER AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN PRESENT INCLUDED SENATOR HUGH SCOTT OF PENNSYLVANIA; SENATOR WILLIAM SCOTT OF VIRGINIA; SENATOR ROMAN HRUSKA OF NEBRASKA; SENATOR ROBERT GRIFFIN OF MICHIGAN; REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT MCCLORY OF ILLINOIS; REPRESENTATIVE BROCK ADAMS OF WASHINGTON; AND REPRESENTATIVE JAMES SYMINGTON OF MISSOURI. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA HARRY G. BARNES, JR. ALSO ATTENDED THE OFFICIAL OPENING.

ROMANIAN GUESTS INCLUDED DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VASILE GLIGA, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM ROMANIA'S SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY. INITIAL REACTIONS TO THE EXHIBIT WERE HIGHLY FAVORABLE. PRESIDENT IANOVICI SAID THE EXHIBIT AND ITS ACCOMPANYING SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL "WOULD BE KEPT BUSY BY ROMANIAN SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE LONG TAKEN AN INTEREST IN PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT."

THE EXHIBIT WILL REMAIN IN BUCHAREST UNTIL MAY 5, THEN WILL
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OPEN ANEW IN BRASOV, AN INDUSTRIAL TOWN 100 MILES NORTH OF BUCHAREST, ON MAY 25. AFTER THAT IT MOVES TO THE BLACK SEA PORT AND RESORT CITY, CONSTANTA, WHERE IT WILL BE OPEN FROM JUNE 29 THROUGH JULY 14.

THE EXHIBIT IS IN ROMANIA UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ROMANIA COVERING COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION, AND CULTURE.
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